



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

VENKATARAMAN et al.

Serial No.: 10/601,176

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Filed: June 20, 2003

Art Unit: 3611

Examiner: Cassandra Hope Davis

Atty. Docket No.: 02-562-US

Commissioner for Patents
Mail Stop Amendment
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

1. Applicant requests an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. A Petition for an extension of time is enclosed.

OR

In the event that an extension of time is required, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

2. Small Entity status of this application has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

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3. A verified statement to establish Small Entity status is enclosed.

4. Also enclosed:

5. No fee for extra claims is required.

6. The fee for extra claims has been calculated as shown below:

Claims Remaining After Amendment (Col. 1)	Highest No. Prev. paid for (Col. 2)	Extra Present (Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY		
			RATE	Fee	RATE	Fee	
Total Claims	23 - 31**	= 0*	X \$ 25	= \$	OR	X \$ 50	= \$
Ind. Claims	5 - 4***	= 1*	X \$ 100	= \$	OR	X \$ 200	= \$200
□ Multiple Dependent Claim Presented			+ \$180	= \$	OR	+ \$360	= \$
			<u>TOTAL</u>	= \$	<u>OR</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	= \$200

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

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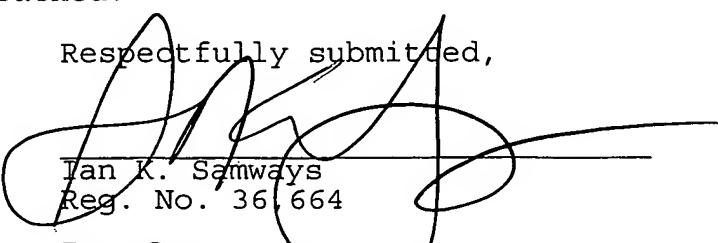
7. Applicant encloses herewith a check for \$200.00 to cover the extra claims fee.

8. The Director is authorized to charge the \$ [Amount] filing fee to Deposit Account No. 18-0582.

9. The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-0582. A duplicate copy of this communication is attached.

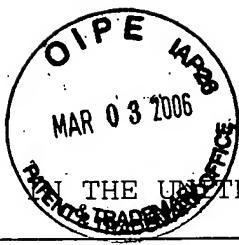
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 16, 2005, with relation to the above-cited patent application, please enter the following Amendment.

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